

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Plans and Policy Staff/TR

SUBJECT : Request for Documents by Chief, School of International Communism and the USSR, 17 November 1958.

1. As you requested in your memorandum of 16 December 1958, we are submitting the approximate number of copies and the reproduction request would entail:

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a) and b) Incoming and outgoing State and USIA telegrams and cables concerning Communist China: 9500 cables per month would have to be read for OTR interest of which approximately 200 per month concern Communist China. Because of the vital interest in Communist China throughout the Agency, copies would not be available for OTR. Copies would have to be thermofaxed to meet the needs of OTR. 25X1 requirement would not only add additional work load to the Cable Analyst but would also slow down the cable service.

Incoming State and USIA despatches from Hong Kong, Moscow and East European posts concerning Communist China: During September 1958, the following were on Communist China:

Hong Kong	10 out of 51
Moscow	1 out of 56
East Europe	6 out of 295
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An additional step in reading the reports would be required. Normally the readers do not take note of the post reporting because requirements are generally not so specific; this additional step would slow-down reading and dissemination. Since sufficient copies are not available, OTR would have to be serviced on routing from some office with primary or priority interest.

c) WEEKAs, political and economic, Hong Kong: Present Agency interest in Hong Kong WEEKAs accounts for all available copies for distribution. The WEEKAs average 8-10 pages in length. Reproduction of an additional copy of each WEEKA for OTR would place a burden on the Cable Section which cannot at this time cope with an additional work load. We would be able, however, to add OTR to the routing of these WEEKAs.

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d) Survey of China Mainland Press and the Current Background Series:
The CIA Library, Acquisitions Branch distributes these reports. Acquisitions Branch has advised us that a copy of each of these reports is available for you; however if a high priority request is levied for these, OTR would be placed on routing from another office.

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e) All available 3 or 4 despatches in single copy are received per month; because of the demand for these reports we are presently reproducing to capacity. OTR could be serviced on routing only.

2. We feel that OTR instructors could keep informed on their areas by reading the many digests and finished intelligence reports which are distributed regularly to OTR and by maintaining contacts with the OSI/DDP and OCI/DDI area experts. Your instructors would be unable in our opinion to read all the raw material pertinent to their areas which flows into the Agency even though we were able to disseminate all of it to them; it would appear to be to their advantage to maintain contacts with those offices where such material is assembled.

3. We appreciate your interest in regularizing the OTR reading requirements and we will cooperate with you to the fullest extent.

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Chief, Document Division

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